

Pelham has spoken to Nepean, and was to see Lord St. Vincent to-day, not having found him at home sooner. Nepean and Lord St. Vincent have had some conversation concerning me, but they cannot take the business under consideration till matters of greater importance are settled. Nepean is most zealous and friendly.

Higgins says there is a letter arrived to a Mr. Miller, announcing the safety of all the crew of the *Babet*. By that I should imagine they have been shipwrecked. I care not, so he is safe.

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Nepean has just written to me in a style you must like: "I am a father, and can therefore participate in your feelings on the news of your son's safety; long may he live! I am sure he will be an honour to his name."

The King is very ill; it is reported he is mad, and that Willis attends him. We are in a strange situation, half a ministry in and half another out. Pitt and Dundas are said

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overwhelmed with debt.

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